



News and Events in the 5th Grade
November 21, 2011
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Important Dates

Nov. 21	Reading Olympics School Level Competition
Nov. 22	Turkey Trot
Nov. 22	Return Think Energy Home Assessment
Nov. 22	Outdoor Education Permission Slips Due
Nov. 23	Institute Day - No School
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 5-6	Outdoor Education
Dec. 9	Report Cards

Dear Families,

This year's Outdoor Education experience will be held at the Lorado Taft field campus in Oregon, Illinois. Students will leave on Monday, December 5, spend the night at the field campus and return on Tuesday, December 6. **The permission slips must be turned in by November 22. If you have not already submitted the health form, it is imperative that you do so as soon as possible.** The cost of the field trip is \$65. You may pay the fee online (make sure you indicate payment is for the 5th grade Outdoor Education field trip), or send a check (payable to District 97) with your child. If you would like to pay in installments, please let your child's teacher know.

We hope that you have had the opportunity to use the items in your Think Energy kit. Please complete the Household Report Card (located in the inside back cover of the Student Guide), and have your child return it to school by tomorrow.

Specials

Art - The Art Room blog is back! Please check out www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com. Here you can see what your student is learning about in Art, and see our artwork as well.

Music - All 5th Graders will need to complete a Composer's Monthly before the end of the trimester. They are located in each student's music notebook, which is normally kept in the music classroom. However, at any point in the trimester they may take their books home to complete this assignment, as long as they bring the book back before the next music class. To complete the assignment, they need to pick September, October or November's composer of

the month, read the article, and then answer the questions at the article on the notebook paper in the back of the music notebook. For extra credit they may do the activity pages but it is not required. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Karia at akaria@op97.org.

Spanish - Students will begin a new story next week! ¡Feliz día del pavo!
www.mpoleski.blogspot.com

Library - Information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

Physical Education - Please see Mr. Williams' link (www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com) for information.



Reading/Literature

TREASURES - UNIT 2

Unit Theme/Big Idea

Unit 2: Investigation

Comprehension Skill

Sequencing - good readers analyze how the organization of a text influences the relationship among ideas.

Word Study Skill

Greek and Latin Root Words
Analogies

Language Arts/Writing

Writing Assignment: Self-Portrait Simile Poems were due last Friday. Due to Reading Olympics and the Turkey Trot, we will not have writing class this week. Next week we finish our Family Metaphor Poems and begin looking at personification.

Grammar Focus: None

Math

Graded quizzes were returned to your child today. This week, we will use our calculators to find the equivalent percent for a fraction. Please remind your child to bring his/her calculator to school. We will complete Unit 5 next week and the unit test will be next Friday (December 2).

Science

Due to Reading Olympics and the Turkey Trot, students will not have Science class this week. Graded Green Friday assessments will be returned to students next week.

Social Studies

Students will not switch for social studies this week. Students who are still working on the rough draft of the research paper should continue to work at home.

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